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SURVEY OF THE TRADE

OF

GREAT-BRITAIN, IRELAND,

AND

THE BRITISH COLONIES.

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THIS Work will contain,

General Maxims of Trade, applicable to all Nations.

A ſhort Hiſtory of the Trade of England, Scotland, and Ireland, in former Times; with a ſummary View of its Progreſs and preſent State.

So much of the Geography of each Country with which we carry on any Traffic, as may be neceſſary to ſhew its local Advantages in regard to Trade; ſuch as its Ports, Rivers, Places of Manufacture, &c.—The State and Produce of its Agriculture, Mines, Fiſheries, Manufactures, and Works of Ingenuity; with a comparative View of their Quantities, Qualities, and medium Values in different Parts; what Proportion of them is exported, from what Ports, and whither chiefly, and how much is conſumed at Home.

The Number and Tonnage of Shipping employed in the Trade of each Country, and particularly in that of Great-Britain, Ireland, and each of the Britiſh Colonies.

The Meaſures, Weights, and Monies of all Nations will be equated with the Engliſh Standards, more accurately than has hitherto been done.

And the true Par of each of the European Exchanges will be proved, with an eaſy Method of calculating each Exchange.—Alſo, the various Monies, real or imaginary, in which Books and Accounts are uſually kept, and Bills drawn, at each Place, with the different Uſances, cuſtomary Days of Grace, &c. will be duly noticed and explained.

But the moſt intereſting and moſt important Part of this Work will conſiſt in Two Series of Tables, to the following Effect.

The firſt will ſhew the exact Amount, according to the Cuſtom-Houſe Eſtimates, of the firſt Coſt or Value of all the Imports and Exports of Great-Britain and Ireland, from and to each Country with which theſe Kingdoms traffic; diſtinguiſhing the Trade of England, that of Scotland, and that of Ireland, in ſeparate Tables, under the particular Article of each Country they deal with. Theſe Tables will be deduced, Year by Year, from the Beginning of this Century, to as far down as the Cuſtom-Houſe Accounts are made up, which now is to the Year 1765, for *England*.—The Tables for *Scotland* will not, nor need they, reach quite ſo far back; but, on the other Hand, they will be brought down to the Year 1770; and thoſe which relate to the Trade of *Ireland* will be given for every tenth Year, from 1700 to 1769, incluſive.—With this Part will be intermixed, Remarks on the Advantages and Diſadvantages of our Trade with each Country, and Reflections on the probable Means of improving the former and correcting the latter.

The ſecond Series of Tables will conſiſt of about One Hundred, ſimilar to the annexed, which is herewith given as a Specimen fit to explain the Nature and principal Deſign of this Work, better than can be done in Words. Like the preceding Tables, theſe alſo will be regularly deduced, Year by Year, from 1700, and extended to the Whole of Great-Britain and Ireland, diſtinguiſhing each Kingdom;

Kingdom; with the Addition of ſome Years (taken at different Periods) in the laſt Century, farther to evince the amazing Increaſe of our Commerce; ſo very great, that from only £. 1,585,912 13 *s.* 4 *d.* which was the Balance of Trade in favour of England alone, for the Year ending at Chriſtmas 1718, the net Balance of our Trade for the Year ending at Chriſtmas 1743 amounted, by a progreſſive annual Increaſe, to £. 6,821,300. 3 *s.* 0 *d.*—An Augmentation of £. 5,235,387. 9 *s.* 8 *d.* of national Profit for one ſingle Year, in the Courſe of but twenty-five, for England only, independent of Scotland and Ireland; as will be manifeſted from the Series of Tables here ſpoken of.

The former Tables will ſpecify the Trade of each *Year*, under the Deſignation of each *Country*: The latter will particularize the Trade of each *Country*, under the Head of each *Year*. Thus they will be mutual Checks upon each other, and afford a ſelf-evident Proof of Exactneſs; to aſcertain which, even beyond the Power of Chance to alter, and, at the ſame Time, to add to the Elegance due to this Work, all theſe laſt-mentioned Tables will be engraved on Copper-Plates;—but executed with more Taſte and Judgment than the annexed, which the Author would at once cancel, if it was poſſible to get another engraved in Time for the Publication of theſe Propoſals. He aſſures the Public, that *this* ſhall not appear in the Body of his Work, and that every Plate there will be executed by the moſt ſkilful Writing-Engravers.

For the farther Elucidation of both theſe Series of Tables, will be added, an exact Account of the Quantity of each Species of Merchandize imported to, and exported from Great-Britain and Ireland, during the whole Courſe of the Year ending at Chriſtmas 1764; diſtinguiſhing the Capitals, ſuch as the Ports of London and Dublin, and the Out-Ports, and alſo diſtinguiſhing the Quantities brought in, or ſent out, by Britiſh, and by foreign Ships, with the Cuſtom-Houſe Eſtimate of the firſt Coſt or Value of each Article, digeſted in alphabetical Order.

From this Specimen of the Quantity of each Sort of Merchandize imported or exported in the Whole of one Year, the Merchant may, by only inſpecting the Cuſtom-Houſe daily Bills of Entry, and informing himſelf what Stock of any particular Commodity yet remains on Hand, be often guided to form uſeful Speculations.

Our Exports of Linnens intitled to Bounty, and of foreign Coin and Bullion, will be particularized for each Year that they are mentioned in the Tables, *viz.* the Linnens from Midſummer 1756, when the Act granting that Bounty took place; and the Coin and Bullion from as far back as theſe Tables go; diſtinguiſhing the Prices, Species, and Quantity of each, from whence, and whither exported, and by what Ships.

The Imports and Exports of the Britiſh Colonies are not, indeed, ſet down with ſuch minute Regularity in the Cuſtom-Houſe Books of thoſe Countries, that is to ſay, no particular Eſtimate is made of their Value, as in Great-Britain; but the Species and Quantities of Merchandize imported to, and exported from each of them, diſtinguiſhing each Colony, and the Number, Tonnage, and Country of the Ships employed in its Trade, are entered regularly in proper Regiſters kept there, by a King's Officer appointed for that Purpoſe, and will be faithfully given here.

Whatever Information and Emolument the Public may receive from the above-mentioned Tables, the Author of this Work thinks it his Duty to declare, that they are owing to LORD NORTH AND THE OTHER LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURY, AND TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH AND THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS, by whoſe Permiſſion they were extracted from authentic Papers in their reſpective Offices.

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THIS Work is ready for the Preſs, and will be comprized in One Volume, folio, printed on a Type and Paper ſimilar to thoſe of theſe Propoſals.

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The IMPORTS & EXPORTS of England compared with the BALANCE of each COUNTRY, from Christmas 1763 to Christmas 1764.

	IMPORTS. Estimate of the first Cost: L S D	IMPORTS. Balance against England. L S D	EXPORTS. Estimate of the first Cost. L S D	EXPORTS. Balance in favour of England. L S D
Africa	35,738.9.2		464,878.14.2	429,140.5.—
Canaries	3,158.10.7		31,867.10.2	28,708.19.7
Denmark & Norway	85,027.9.6		141,534.5.5	56,506.15.11
East-Country	224,499.8.1		290,331.6.9	65,831.18.8
East-India	1,182,844.18.6	17,244.6.2	1,165,600.12.4	
Flanders	145,772.2.3		546,777.16.10	401,005.14.7
France	95,430.19.11		208,765.14.8	113,334.14.9
Germany	614,410.1.2		2,264,315.3.9	1,649,905.2.7
Greenland	7,936.17.—	7,908.10.5	28.6.7	
Holland	371,730.2.2		2,040,467.9.9	1,668,737.7.7
Ireland	777,412.19.8		1,634,382.1.8	856,969.2.—
Italy	815 327.15.5	60,881.11.3	754,446.4.2	
Madeira	5,792.9.3		40,152.12.6	34,360.3.3
Portugal	312,974.8.5		1,239,998.6.7	927,023.18.2
Russia	920,293.12.3	852,341.3.9	67,952.8.6	
Spain	503,489.6.4		1,318,345.4.11	814,855.18.7
Streights	32,271.4.11		120,574.9.7	88,303.4.8
Sweden	253,280.1.11	224,928.17.4	28,351.4.7	
Turkey	191,565.16.—	121,556.19.1	70,008.16.11	
Venice	54,992.10.5	45,039.18.7	9,952.11.10	
British & Irish Linnen by Bounty			10,367.6.—	10,367.6.—
Totals	6,633,949.2.11	1,329,901.6.7	12,449,098.7.8	7,145,050.11.4
Exports exceed the Imports				5,815,149.4.9
Isles: Alderney	173.10.1		1,491.3.2	1,317.13.1
Isles: Belle-isle	4.6	4.6		
Isles: Guernsey	27,075.15.11		34,064.19.4	6,989.3.5
Isles: Jersey	18,282.—.5		23,089.1.1	4,807.—.8
Totals	45,531.10.11	4.6	58,645.3.7	13,113.17.2
Exports exceed the Imports				13,113.12.8
British Plantations: Antigua	307,392.6.8	244,255.15.10	63,136.10.10	
Barbados	300,213.17.3	118,503.6.—	181,710.11.3	
Bermudas	165.11.1		10,534.3.7	10,368.12.6
Canada	44,669.9.5		251,385.12.6	206,716.3.1
Carolina	341,727.12.7	35,919.11.1	305,808.1.6	
Dominica	46,211.17.9	29,796.5.3	16,415.12.6	
Florida	294.3.4		15,004.15.7	14,710.12.3
Georgia	31,325.9.4	12,987.6.5	18,338.2.11	
Grenades	206,889.13.6	140,954.9.9	65,935.3.9	
Guadaloupe	33,551.17.—	33,551.17.—		
Havannah	5,735 8.—	5,735.8.—		
Hudson's Bay	9,272.9.2	5,379.18.—	3,892.11.2	
Jamaica	1,076,155.1.9	619,626.19.10	456,528.1.11	
Martinico	3,169.6.8	3,169.6.8		
Montserat	82,966.15.—	75,434.6.3	7,532.8.9	
Nevis	60,652.11.2.	52,717.14.9	7,934.16.5	
New-England	88,157.1.9.		459,765. 11	371,607.19.2
Newfoundland	30,354.2.4.		72,588.6.3	42,234.3.11
New-Providence	4,436.6.7.	1,627.19.10	2,808.6.9	
New-York	53,697.10.4		515,416.12.1	461,719.1.9
Nova Scotia	32.19.3.		15,434.17.—	15,401.17.9
Pensylvania	36,258.18.1.		435,191.14.—	398,932.15.11
St. Christopher's	283,842.4.1.	185,520.15.11	98,321.8.2	
Santa Cruz	8,681.12.7.	2,055.15.9	6,625.16.10	
St. Eustatia	917.—.10.	917.—.10		
St. John's	80.17.2.	80.17.2		
St. Vincent's			971.15.2	971.15.2
Tobago			349.8.5	349.8.5
Tortola	41,549.1.11.	39,064.—.11	2.485.1.—	
Virginia & Maryland	559,408.15.1.	44,216.4.7	515.192.10.6	
Spanish West-Indies	9,398.11.3.	9,398.11.3.		
British & Irish Linnen by Bounty			188.060.8.7	188,060.8.7
Totals	3,667,208.10.11	1,660,913.11.1	3,717,367.18.4	1,711,072.18.6
Exports exceed the Imports				60,159.7.5
Prize Goods	44,361.5.2	8578.6.	35,782.19.2	
Grand Totals	10,391,050.9.11	2,999,393.8.2	16,260,894.8.9	8,869,237.7.—
Exports exceed the Imports				5,869,843.18.10
Foreign Coin & Bullion exported				310,024.19.6
Exports exceed the Imports with foreign Coin & Bullion				6,179,868.18.4

From the Author.